

of procedure, the scheme for regulating bids as devised by John T. Herick, the missing lawyer, were for public buildings, including school houses. These were contracts for plumbing, heating and ventilating and stone cutting. The bids were parcelled out under the code system, which prevented competition and boosted prices.

Evidence to Be Disclosed.
The committee is about ready to show that dealers in other materials, such as glass, brick, terra cotta and plaster were in illegal combination in restraint of trade, and in violation of Federal and State laws. This evidence has not been presented publicly, but will be shortly, and there is a lot of it. The Lockwood committee has gathered the evidence in a few weeks. The city administration did business under these conditions for years and made no move to find out how prices were being rigged.

So that when the committee of city officials goes to the Lockwood committee in search of information to show the advisability of cancelling contracts it will probably set all its wits to work. Mayor Hylan favored the resolution, which was unanimously adopted, at the special meeting of the Board of Estimate, requesting a conference with the Lockwood committee "as to the advisability, upon the evidence adduced, of immediately cancelling all contracts for the erection of schools and other public improvements."

The resolution cited that "it has appeared to the public prints that the school contracts entered into by the Board of Education, as well as other contracts, should be cancelled, and that the Board of Education desires to cooperate with the Lockwood committee."

Another paragraph in the resolution directed that the Comptroller withhold payment on all contracts entered into by the city, in cases where it had "come to his knowledge that fraud or match bids had been perpetrated upon the city at the time the contract was entered into." This was struck out by the Mayor because the Comptroller had already given notice of his intention to take such action.

Investigations Begun.

Comptroller Craig said it was known to every member of the board that he had under preparation for thorough investigations and the heads of all departments authorized to enter into contracts a list of those executed during the last eighteen months. Immediate investigations should be made by the borough presidents and heads of departments concerned, he said, to discover if the city had been the victim of fraud in any of these contracts. In the event it had, the sending of vouchers should be at once stopped. Mr. Craig declared. Borough Presidents Riessmann and Connolly said they already had begun investigations.

Mayor Hylan thought there was no impropriety in Mr. Untermyer's letter to him that he (the Mayor) had been dilatory in getting his commissioners to work on the matter. He read letters sent several weeks ago to department heads, the Corporation Counsel and the Commissioner of Accounts directing them to investigate immediately all contracts to discover if there was "fraud or collusion" in connection with any of them. The last letter was dated Monday.

The board was told by John P. O'Brien, Corporation Counsel, that Mr. Untermyer had promised to let him have evidence regarding school building contracts. As soon as it was received, he said, he would immediately look for grounds upon which the contracts might be cancelled and notify the board. The Mayor said, with evident feeling, that he had not neglected his duty but had done everything he could to have the contracts cancelled.

Comptroller Craig early in the meeting offered a resolution to the effect that no city official or board transmit to him for payment any further vouchers for any contract awarded since January 1, 1918, "upon which there is any evidence whatsoever creating even so much as a suspicion that the city may have been the victim of fraud, collusion, bribery or match bids" until after the contractor had been exonerated. Opposition developed from the Borough Presidents, who said they already had begun investigations, and Comptroller Craig withdrew his resolution.

Hard Fight Indicated.
When George Backer was arraigned, smiling and apparently unconcerned, before Judge Mulqueen yesterday, he made clear that a hard legal fight is to grow out of his indictment. Mr. Mooney moved that hearing be postponed one week in order that he may have time to make any motion or request necessary in the interest of his client. Mr. Untermyer objected, saying it was of the greatest importance to have quick action in the case, and requested Judge Mulqueen to order that motions be made this week.

"These criminal cases should be tried at once so they will not hold up the work of the committee," Mr. Untermyer said.
"Mr. Untermyer is not the only lawyer in New York and I am not so fortunately situated as some. I have to make a living," Mr. Mooney said. He explained he meant that he had other cases taking his time and he could not go ahead this week. Mr. Untermyer suggested there were other lawyers who might try the case if Mr. Mooney was too busy.
"I think there should be a speedy trial, not because Mr. Untermyer deserves it," the Judge said. "In fairness to Mr. Mooney I feel I should grant the usual week's delay, however." Mr. Backer sat through the short proceeding as an interested spectator with an air of defiance.
"This investigation is not a joke," Judge Mulqueen reminded Backer. "It is of the utmost importance to this community to learn if Backer did not tell the truth."

Resolution Attacked.

Mr. Mooney contended that the legislative resolution creating the Lockwood committee did not lie on the clerk's desk three days in the State capital, as required for most forms of bills and measures. The committee holds that a resolution of this kind does not require the three days lapse of time.

Senator Calder, chairman of the Senatorial Housing Committee, will be invited to sit with the Lockwood committee at all hearings. Joint sessions of the two committees will be held if the Senator consents. By that arrangement witnesses could be summoned from anywhere in the United States under the nationwide power of subpoena held by the Federal committee, and once on the stand could be questioned by the State prosecutors. That would enable the committee to go into other States for witnesses. One whose presence is especially desired just at present is John T. Nictick.

Prall Asks for Testimony.

So that the Board of Education may give its present and future policy on the construction of school buildings, Anning S. Prall, its president, addressed a letter last night to Senator Lockwood asking that the department be furnished with transcripts of the testimony taken before the committee relative to school contracts.
To-day there are twenty-six school buildings or additions under construction, and the Department of Education is contemplating the expenditure of more than \$40,000,000 in 1921 for new school buildings and sites.
"It is important," wrote Mr. Prall, "that the Board of Education should have positive assurance that there is no reason to suspect that there are any

conditions surrounding any of these contracts that could in any manner be questioned."

Mr. Prall suggested that if the housing committee cares to pursue the investigation, "certain sworn testimony made by at least one contractor" has been obtained by the building committee of the Board of Education, that may be of interest in the building inquiry.

The Board of Education desires to offer you its full and hearty cooperation in your investigation," Mr. Prall wrote. "All records, books, proposals, contracts, resolutions and other data will be furnished if you desire it, and all officials stand ready to testify before your committee at its convenience."

Mr. Prall advised that the contractors having in charge the construction of school buildings be called to testify. The importance of a thorough investigation is shown, he continues, in order that speedy construction of buildings be obtained because of congestion in the schools. More than 75,000 pupils are in part time classes, 8,143-five thousand children in double session classes receive instruction for only four hours or fewer.

PRIZES TO BE AWARDED FOR FINEST BUILDINGS

Architectural Competition in Fifth Ave. Zone Resumed.

Prizes for the two finest buildings erected in the Fifth avenue zone during the last year will be awarded at the annual dinner of the Fifth Avenue Association at the Waldorf to-morrow night. The first prize will be a gold medal and diploma, and the second prize a silver medal and diploma. Similar prizes will be given for the best examples of structural ornamentation work completed in the district during the year. The recipients of the awards were selected by a committee of architects and real estate men designated by the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and headed by Walter Stabler, comptroller of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The contest marks the resumption of the building prize competitions, which were suspended during the war.

Augustus Thomas, playwright, will act as toastmaster and the Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Struss and Martin W. Littleton will be among the speakers. The guest list includes Health Commissioner Royal S. Copeland, Borough President Henry H. Copeland, Borough President Thomas J. Ryan, Mayor John H. LaGuardia, Police Commissioner Richard E. Enright, President of the Board of Aldermen F. H. La Guardia and other members of the city administration.

LANDLORD BRINGS SUIT TO DISPOSSESS TENANT

Court Takes Mandamus Action Under Adversity.

Supreme Court Justice Gieseler reserved decision yesterday in a mandamus action by a landlord to compel City Court Justice Edward D. Le Petre to sign a dispossession order. The petition for the writ was made by the Durham Realty Company to oust Clara Kimball Young, who occupies 140 West End avenue, upon the ground that the landlord had leased her apartment to another tenant.

Former Justice George L. Ingraham, arguing for the landlord, contended that the September emergency legislation for the relief of the housing situation was unconstitutional because the law, in final bill form, had not been before the members of the Legislature for three days prior to enactment.

Julius Henry Cohen, representing the joint legislative committee, contended that Gov. Smith's signature to a second emergency measure, urging the legislation, did away with the necessity of this three day provision of the Constitution. He also argued that the certification of the Secretary of State that the law had been duly enacted was prima facie proof of its constitutionality.

WRIT SERVER'S BEATING MADE FILM STAR ILL

Bodyguard of Clara Kimball Young Now Sought.

Edward Roth, process server, of 2 Rector street, told Magistrate Cobb in Yorkville court yesterday that he had been severely beaten by a six foot, 200 pound bodyguard of Clara Kimball Young, when he attempted to serve a summons on her last Friday in a \$25,000 civil action begun against the screen star by the Harriman National Bank.

The Magistrate issued an assault summons against the unnamed bodyguard, and the process server and a court warrant officer went around to the Commodore, where Miss Young was stopping, to present their respective slips of paper. The giant protector was nowhere to be seen, and a nurse told them that Miss Young was ill in bed from the "shock" of witnessing the Friday encounter, and would not be approached. They went away hopeful of better luck next time.

HELD AS HOMICIDE SUSPECT.

Because his Rogues' Gallery picture resembled the description given of one of the six men who robbed the saloon of Morris Poland at 217 Second avenue last Tuesday night, Alexander McDonald, driver, of 22 Christopher street, was arraigned in Harlem Court on suspicion of homicide. In the progress of the hearing one of the robbers shot and killed Abraham Markowitz of 215 East Ninety-ninth street when he attempted to run. McDonald was held without bail for a hearing to-morrow morning.

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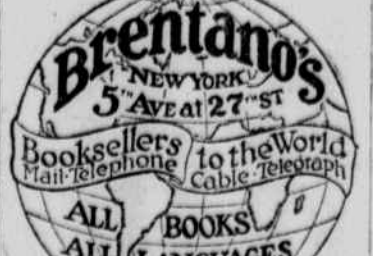
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HARDING'S PARTY AT POINT ISABEL

Children Greet President-elect in Remote Village of Fishermen.

ONLY FORTY HOUSES

Two Sisters of Mercy, Directing Their Charges, Welcome Northern Visitors.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

POINT ISABEL, TEXAS, Nov. 8.—Since Washington took his oath of office no President or President Elect ever sought vacation in a spot so remote as this. The Point is the site of a fishing village of two score houses, with a population of 300.

As the automobiles bearing Senator and Mrs. Harding and their party came to the town hedged fringe of the village it found the road blocked by 100 little children formed in a lane. Two Sisters of Mercy, Mary Phillips and Mary Loretta, in charge. Every child was dressed in the best her or her parents could provide, white frocks, red sashes, flowers in their hair. They waved their flags and tossed dandelion blossoms and chanted a welcome as Mr. and Mrs. Harding passed between their lines. The Sisters of Mercy, dreadfully flustered, greatly proud, shook hands with the Hardings.

"What a day!" breathed Sister Mary Phillips. "To think we should have lived to see it!"
The reception by the children was the only episode of welcoming. Here for the next nine days the man who will rule \$5,000,000 people will rest, fishing for tarpon and golfing at Brownsville. Senator Harding's progress through Texas this morning to Brownsville was a repetition of his pleasant experience yesterday—everywhere large crowds, real warmth and deep respect.

HARDING PARTY SAILS FOR PANAMA NOV. 18

President-Elect to Remain Five Days in Canal Zone.

President-elect Harding will leave New Orleans November 18 for the Canal Zone on board a United Fruit Company steamship, it was learned here yesterday. Returning, he will be landed at Norfolk on December 1. Arrangements have been made whereby the ship will remain over one day from her scheduled sailing date to accommodate Senator Harding and his party, now placed at thirty-five persons. The stop at Norfolk also will be by special arrangement.

The steamship selected by Senator Harding for the voyage from New Orleans to Cristobal is the *Paranina*, of 4,500 gross tons, built in 1908, and having passenger accommodations particularly adapted to travel in the tropics. The vessel, leaving New Orleans November 18, will arrive at Cristobal November 22 where the President-elect and his party will land for an inspection tour.

For the return voyage accommodations have been reserved on the *Patroves*, which will leave Cristobal November 25 on her regular voyage to New York. The stop at Norfolk has been arranged in order to permit Mr. Harding to go by the shortest route to Bedford, Va., where he is to deliver an address before a meeting of the Elks' lodge.

GOV. SMITH DECLARES NOV. 11 ARMISTICE DAY

Requests Church Bells to Be Told in Forenoon.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. ALBANY, Nov. 8.—Gov. Smith to-day issued a proclamation declaring Thursday, November 11, Armistice Day. He called upon all citizens of the State to pay tribute to the heroes who served in the world war and to offer prayers for the repose of the souls of the gallant dead. Mayors of cities, presidents of villages and pastors of churches are requested to have bells tolled at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

"It is fitting," said the Governor, "that by proclamation this day should be set aside in commemoration of the services performed by the men and women of this country in the great world struggle for the preservation of civilization."

Gov. Smith also proclaimed the week of November 6 to November 14 as Girl Scout week. He asked for the National Girl Scouts in the campaign they are conducting all the encouragement and assistance which the public is able to give.

Woman Cops to War on Boston Common Vamps

BOSTON, Nov. 8.—Flirting on Boston Common will become a dangerous practice after February 1, when plans announced by Mayor Peters to-day for the appointment of the city's first woman policeman go into effect. The Mayor said he had consulted with Police Commissioner Curtis regarding means of ridding the Common of some of the "vamps" of both sexes who have made it a hunting ground, and that as a result eight women would be selected from the civil service lists for appointment to police duty there. Their pay, like that of the men, will be \$1,400 to start.

'LEAGUE WITHOUT THE U. S. IS FUTILE'

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membership be discussed unless the intentions of the United States are known.

The United States enters the league at the price of changes in the covenant—whatever these changes may be—it is clear that German admission to the league will be hastened," it continues, "but if the United States does not enter the league and proposes instead to form a new international association, it is clear that it is not propitious now to open the door for Germany."

The present confusion, the *Temps* says, is increased by the fact that Peru and Bolivia have appealed to the Assembly meeting in Geneva to examine their treaties with Chile, which, they declare, were signed under duress.
"How is this American question to be brought up with the United States absent?" it asks. "One sees here a strange paradox, in that it is the absence, and not the admission, of the United States in connection with the league that threatens a blow at the Monroe Doctrine."

France, it says, is ready to join any organization whose object is the maintenance of peace. Regarding the United States, the paper says: "The United States, no doubt, will propose some new form of international collaboration, either to transform the present society of nations or to replace it. We do not have to suggest our ideas to the United States, but we await impatiently theirs."

On the question of disarmament, the *Temps* says: "As long as we ignore the intentions of the future American President, how can continental disarmament be discussed? No one knows whether the United States with their enormous resources would interfere or not in order to avoid a new 1914."

"How can naval disarmament be discussed? The nations of Europe and of the Far East would seem to be forming a coalition, under the inspiration of Great Britain, in order to enjoin the United States not to construct any more war ships. The discussion would only succeed in poisoning the situation and giving it the appearance of an anti-ligian policy, to which France could never subscribe."

"France cannot be suspected as opposed to disarmament, as was proved by the amendment which Leon Bourgeois proposed to add to Article VIII of the covenant when the Versailles treaty was drafted, but we must realize that disarmament is not a question which may be dealt with behind the backs of the Americans."

The league has twenty-nine subjects on its Geneva programme.

BONUS BONDS TO BE SOLD IMMEDIATELY

State Comptroller to Issue \$45,000,000 for Soldiers' Compensation.

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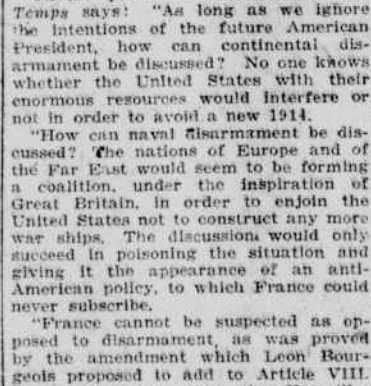
Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

ALBANY, Nov. 8.—Attorney-General Charles D. Newton said this afternoon that now that the soldiers' bonus is effective through ratification by the people at the election last week, the State Comptroller can immediately proceed to issue and sell bonds to raise the \$45,000,000 fund. The money, however, cannot be paid out until after the next Legislature meets. Under the law providing for the bonus bond issue the money is to be distributed by a commission, created by the Legislature. The bonus will be paid on application to the commission, the Legislature to fix the time limit. The passage of the necessary bonus measures undoubtedly will be among the first acts of the 1921 session, said Mr. Newton.

The Attorney-General gave the following as the qualification to entitle a person to the bonus:
(1) It is payable to both men and women.
(2) The applicant must have been enlisted, inducted, warranted or commissioned in the military or naval service of the United States.
(3) The applicant must have served honorably in active duty at some time between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918.
(4) Such active service must have been for a period of more than two months.
(5) The applicant must have been a resident of the State of New York when he entered the service, and must have been a resident of the State of New York on November 2, 1920.
(6) The applicant must have been honorably separated or discharged from the military or naval service or be still in the service (active reserve or retired).
(7) Officers above the grade of captain in the army or marine corps, and officers above the grade of lieutenant, senior grade, in the navy, are not entitled to the bonus, nor are men whose only service was in the Students' Army Training Corps.

The amount of the bonus payable to each person entitled is \$10 for each month or major fraction of active service, but not more than \$250 altogether. No bonus will be paid to a person who has received a bonus from another State.
If a person entitled to a bonus has died the bonus is payable to surviving relatives in the following order: Husband or wife, child, mother, father, brother and sister. If none of these survive more distant relatives do not become entitled to the bonus.
Soldiers are advised that no State officer has power to make payments at the present, and nothing can be gained by sending application to any State officer until the Legislature meets. When provision is made for a distributing commission it undoubtedly will give public notice of the proper method of making applications.

Who Said—
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Find Diamonds and Pearls in Taxicab

Mrs. H. M. Sawyer of Boston Hands Gems to Police.

The owner of various articles of feminine wearing apparel and of pieces of jewelry worth, if the stones are genuine, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, that formed the contents of a black, canvas covered bag, found in a taxicab, may recover them by applying at the West Thirtieth street police station within thirty days. Otherwise the articles will remain the property of Mrs. H. M. Sawyer of Boston, who is stopping at the Waldorf.

She entered a taxicab Sunday night to be driven to the hotel from a theatre and found the handbag on the seat. The taxi owner and a Waldorf house detective suggested that she turn the property over to the police. Nathan Klein, the driver, remembered that he had taken a woman from the Winter Garden to the Hotel Seville just before Mrs. Sawyer became his passenger.

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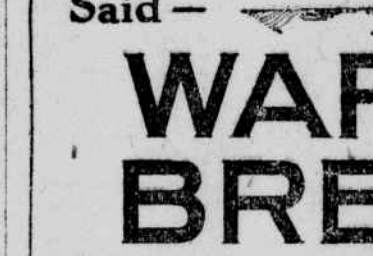
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DESCRIPTION—Age, 42 years; Height, about six feet; Weight, 200 pounds; Dark Brown Hair, Brown Eyes, Medium Complexion; may now have black mustache and may wear glasses.

Nicky Cohn has been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury of Washington, D. C., along with Nicky Arnstein, Randolph M. Newman, a New York lawyer and others, charged with having brought stolen securities into the District of Columbia and he has also been indicted by the Grand Jury of New York County charged with having received stolen securities from Wall Street messenger boys. Cohn left New York on or about Feb. 16, 1920, with one Margaret Meeker of Springfield, Mass., and Eureka, Cal., and they are travelling as Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Mack and as Mr. and Mrs. Gordon.

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